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CLOCK DOMAINS  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. In general, the Examiner quotes extensively from the language of the independent claims and concludes that the claimed subject matter is not found in the prior art of record. The Examiner has taken a little bit of a "shorthand" approach relative to claim 14 and has attempted to piggyback on his recitation of the language of claim 1, using the adverb "similarly" in transitioning from his discussion of claim 1 to his discussion of claim 14. For the record, Applicant notes that the language of claim 14 differs from that of claim 1, though there are similarities, and Applicant does not understand the Examiner to be suggesting otherwise. Rather, Applicant understands the Examiner to be stating that the limitations of claim 14 are novel and unobvious over the prior art of record, without more. In this, Applicant concurs. If the Examiner had any other intention in his comments, he should make them known.

Respectfully submitted,

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